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The patents, publications or other information submitted for consideration by the Office are listed on PTO-1449, attached hereto.

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- a. X Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each U.S and foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed.

III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE
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- a. ☒ Except as may be indicated below in (b), all of the patents, publications or other information are in the English language or were cited in an English language Search Report, a copy of which is attached hereto (concise explanation not required).
- b. ☒ A concise explanation of the relevance of all patents, publications or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows:

The English translation of reference noted **BB** can be found in the Abstract of reference noted **BD**. Also, see Section VI.a. below.

- c. ☐ The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration:

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a. No certification; therefore, a fee in the amount of \$180.00 is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

or

b. See the certification below. No fee is required.

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a. X each item of information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS; or

b. no item of information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the best of my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

c. Some of the items of information were cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office. As to this information, the undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS. As to the remaining information, the undersigned hereby certifies that no item of this remaining information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the best of my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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 after the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance but before the payment of the Issue Fee, and the requisite Certification, petition, and petition fee are included herein.

a. after the mailing date of a Final Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113

b. see certificate above

c. a fee in the amount of \$180.00 is required by 37 CFR §1.17(p)

d. applicant hereby petitions that this Information Disclosure Statement is considered in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d).

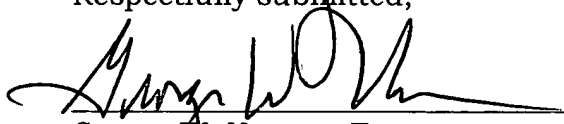
____ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$180.00 for the above-indicated fee. Should any further fee be associated with the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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AB	AA	1,410,480	03/21/22	LANDGRAF			
AB	AB	5,167,664	12/01/92	HODOREK	606	73	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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BB	BB	DE 199 36 286 A1	03/15/01	GERMANY				✓
BC	BC	WO 99/48431	09/30/99	PCT				
BD	BD	WO 01/08574	02/08/01	PCT				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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